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# PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please add new claims 87-115. These claims were originally pending in this application as claims 35-42, 44-55 and 57-65, but were cancelled prior to paying the filing fees. Accordingly, the introduction of these claims does not constitute new matter. Applicants submit herewith a fee calculation sheet and check in the amount of \$99.00 to cover the small entity additional claims fee.

Please re-write the claims as follows:

34. A method for treating a subject having, or at risk of having, a disorder which can be treated by increased vasodilation or inhibition of vasoconstriction, comprising:

administering to a subject in need of such treatment an agent that down-regulates EDG receptor signaling in an amount effective to treat the disorder.

43. A method for increasing arterial blood flow in a subject who would benefit from increased arterial blood flow, comprising:

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